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# GERMAN FRONT IS SWEEPED AWAY

## KAISER'S FORCES LIKE STRAW BEFORE THE WIND AT VERDUN

## ADAMSON LAW IS A GOLD BRICK, SAYS WICKERSHAM

French Army Strikes Like Lightning and the Result is Most Brilliant.

SMASHING BLOW SOON

German Trench after Trench is Swept over by the French Waves.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—The Germans made a counter attack north of Verdun last night in an effort to regain the ground won by the French yesterday. They attempted to recapture the Haudromont quarries and the Wamoulop battery. The war office announces that in both cases they were repulsed. The French gains were maintained. The German officer in command at Fort Donatien is among the prisoners taken.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—Verdun, long lost sight of, came suddenly and unexpectedly today in the forefront of the public mind which exclusively had been directed toward the battle of the Somme. The German front on the right bank of the Meuse literally was swept away for a distance of four and a half miles like straw before the wind.

General Neville for weeks past had been watching the German movements like a lynx, carefully calculating the effect of every withdrawal of troops for transfer to the Somme and eastern front. At the same time he quietly made his preparations and when he judged the Germans had thinned their defenses to the danger point he struck like lightning. The result was one of the most brilliant operations of the campaign.

The Germans who yesterday were pressing close on the inner lines of defense at Fort Suville and Tavannes have now been driven beyond the outer defenses of the Fort Douaumont-Vaux line. Vaux fort remains in possession of the Germans, but the French line extends beyond it on the north at Vaux village and Fumin wood and also on the south of it at Damloup battery and Chenois wood from both of which positions it can readily be attacked.

The French artillery preparation was brief but intense and was over before the German commanders had time to bring up re-enforcements even if they were available. The assaulting French waves caught them before the Germans recovered from their surprise and swept over trench after trench.

French losses were very light, it is believed, even lighter than any recorded in the attacks on the Somme front. News of the success has caused tremendous public enthusiasm here and this is all the greater because of the greater impression that Verdun was over and done with and that both sides were contenting themselves with holding what they had won. Today's operations proving that the French could strike a smashing blow at Verdun while carrying on an extended offensive on the Somme has greatly increased public confidence and gone far to lessen the depression caused by the loss of Constanza.

TEUTONS' IRON GRIP BECOMES TIGHTENED

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The iron grip of the Central powers on Roumania has tightened in two important notches with the capture of Medjidia and Iasova in Dobruja and of Predeal on the Transylvanian border. The conquest of these important places was achieved with surprising speed.

Military men as usual refuse to prophesy as to other developments of the campaign against Roumania but appear confident that all will come in due time.

GERMAN STATEMENT OF WAR OPERATIONS

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—The war office announced today that an attack made on the Verdun front by the French Tuesday gained ground for them. French assaults on the Somme front were without success.

Vulcan pass on the Transylvanian front has been captured by General von Falkenhayn's army, the war office also announced.

In Dobruja pursuit of the Russians and Roumanians continues. Tchervanoda was captured this morning, depriving the Russians and Roumanians of their last railroad communication.

DANUBE TOWN IS EVACUATED BY RUSS

PETROGRAD, Oct. 25.—The Roumanians and Russians have evacuated the Danube town of Tchervanoda in Dobruja, the war office announced today. The statement says Field Marshal von Mackensen's army is continuing its attack all along the Dobruja front. The Russo-Roumanian positions at Lake Tachaul, near the Black sea coast about twelve miles north of Constanza, also has been evacuated.

### SIREN HORN MEANS FIRE.

S. R. Huffman, chief of the Clarksburg fire department, has had the automobile fire truck at the Central station equipped with a siren signal horn. It makes a very loud noise, which can be heard for blocks. Whenever the truck makes a run to a fire hereafter the siren horn will be used, so that those who hear it may be informed that speed and right of way are desired. Whenever the truck is taken out on an inspection trip, or for practice, the bell will be used as a warning signal only.

### SIX KILLED

When an Interurban Street Car Strikes an Automobile in Indiana.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Oct. 25.—Six persons were killed today when an interurban car of the Southern Michigan Railway Company struck an automobile north of here. Only one body has been identified, that of Franklin Brown, of Linwood, Ind.

Details of the accident are lacking, but information received by telephone is to the effect that the car was totally demolished and that the six occupants were instantly killed. The dead include besides Brown, three women and two children. The women are middle-aged. One child was about two years old and the other about one year old.

All side curtains were up and it is supposed that the driver failed to see the interurban car.

### WITHDRAWAL

Of French Marines from Greek Cities May Result from Explanations.

ATHENS, Oct. 25.—The Greek government today issued a communication to clear up misunderstandings due to exaggerated reports of King Constantine's interview with the French military attaché on Friday. The communication explains that the French government made no demands but merely submitted a memorandum and that the king never declared that he was prepared to break off relations with the Entente.

It is thought that as the result of a conversation between the king and the French minister this morning, during which explanations were made, the French marines may be withdrawn shortly from Athens and Piræus.

### RENEWAL

Of Activity by the Punitive Expedition is Indicated by Heavy Shipments.

COLUMBUS, N. M., Oct. 25.—Heavy shipments of entrenching tools, picks, shovels, crow bars and sand bars, have arrived here. It is said they are for the use of the punitive expedition in Mexico. Officers take the shipments as an indication of a possible renewal of activity in the field. Officers easy the tools would not be needed at field headquarters if the troops are to remain there. Recently the bands of the Fifth, Seventh and Thirteenth cavalry left at the border when these regiments went south were ordered to rejoin their commands.

Adobe houses are being built at field headquarters in Mexico, it is reported here, and army overcoats are being issued to the soldiers of the expeditionary force.

### DIVIDEND DECLARED.

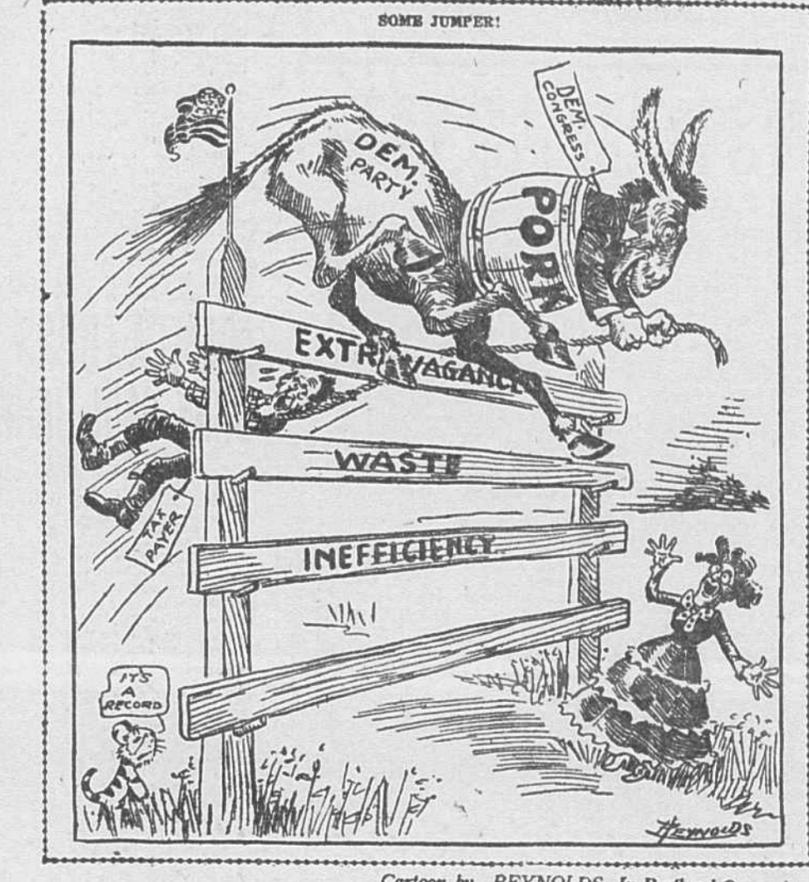
PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 25.—The directors of the Pure Oil Company today declared the regular quarterly dividend of six per cent and an extra dividend of four per cent on the common stock.

### THREE JOLTS.

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Oct. 25.—The poor consumer got three jolts all in one day here this week. While milk dealers advanced the price of milk from eight to nine cents a quart, coal dealers announced an increase from \$2.75 to \$3 a ton and real estate brokers declared that rents would also be raised.

### PLAN BIG RALLY.

WESTON, Oct. 25.—Elaborate arrangements are being made for the big political rally to be held here Saturday, November 4, with Judge Ira E. Robinson, Republican nominee for governor, and Secretary of State Stuart F. Reed, congressional candidate, as the principal speakers. Mr. Reed will also be in the county Thursday and Friday preceding the rally.



Cartoon by REYNOLDS in Portland Oregonian.

## Woodrow Wilson on Labor

"I am a fierce partisan of the open shop."  
"The class formed by the labor organizations and leaders is a formidable enemy to equality and betterment of opportunity."  
"The usual standard of the laborer in our day is to give us as little as he may for his wages."

The above are extracts from public addresses of Woodrow Wilson, before he became a candidate for office.

## FRANK BASTIN

Not Seriously Injured in Street Car Wreck as Was First Reported.

Local relatives of Frank Bastin, a well known local glassworker who resides on West Main street, who was injured in a street car wreck on an interurban line between Muncie and Hartford City, Ind., received a letter from him Wednesday morning stating that he was not seriously injured as was first reported. He received a large cut under his left ear but will be able to return home soon.

Mr. Bastin is visiting his parents at Hartford City, Ind., and had been spending a day at Muncie with friends. On his return to Hartford City, the trolley train on which he was riding was wrecked and fourteen persons injured. It was first reported here that Mr. Bastin was killed and later that he was seriously injured. The letter this morning greatly relieved his relatives and friends.

## STILL RETIRING.

BUCHAREST, Oct. 25.—A further retirement by Roumanian forces on the Transylvanian front is announced by the war office. The Roumanians near Predeal and Kimplung, the statement says, were forced to fall back a little.

## MANY RAIDS.

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—German aeroplanes on the Somme front made more than 500 raids on the Anglo-French positions October 23, says the Overseas News Agency. There were 209 aerial fights between German airmen and Allied flyers on this day and it is stated with certainty that in the Somme sector alone more than sixteen Entente aeroplanes were shot down.

## STRIKE AVERTED.

OTTAWA, Oct. 25.—An agreement between Canadian Pacific railway officials and their employees for a settlement of the threatened strike has been reached and will be signed today, according to a telegram from Winnipeg received by Minister of Labor Cuyler.

## NO SALE LIMIT

All Restrictions Are Removed for Bargain Affair at Local Rexall Store.

Through an oversight, Sturm and Wilson, proprietors of the local Rexall drug store, failed to mention in its advertising matter the removal of the purchasing limit for the one cent sale to be held the last three days of this week at their store.

Last year, the privilege of purchasing only two articles of the same kind, one for the regular price and the second one for one cent, was extended to purchasers at a similar one cent sale. This year, however, the limit is removed altogether. Any purchaser may make as many double purchases as he or she sees fit. The stock for the special sale was bought by the management with that in view, it being the idea to move as much of it as possible for the purpose of introducing Rexall supplies.

## FIVE STEAMERS SUNK.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The sinking by German submarines of five more Roumanian steamships valued at about \$4 million kroner is reported in an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Christiania.

## PURSUIT GOES ON.

SOFIA, Oct. 25.—Continuation of the pursuit of the routed Roumanian and Russian armies in Dobruja by the victorious Bulgarian, German and Turkish forces is reported in today's official statement regarding operations on the Roumanian front.

## WHEAT ADVANCED.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—The wholesale price of high grade family flour was advanced to \$10 a barrel today, the highest since the Civil war. This is an increase of thirty cents in two days.

## WILSON LEAVES.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Oct. 25.—President Wilson's program today included his departure from Shadow Lawn at noon for Cincinnati, where he will speak three times tomorrow. He is due to arrive at Philadelphia at 5:40 p. m. and at Baltimore at 6 p. m. and to reach Cincinnati at 11:50 a. m. tomorrow.

## WARNING

Is Issued by General Trevino for Residents to Leave Chihuahua City.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 25.—General Jacinto Trevino, commandant of the Chihuahua garrison, has issued a warning to residents to leave the city, according to a report that reached army headquarters from General George Bell at El Paso.

General Bell said that Mrs. Trevino was among the many refugees who had arrived at El Paso from Chihuahua. Although the report did not tell of the progress of the Villa attack on Chihuahua persons who reached the border told army officers that camp fires of the attacking forces could plainly be seen from the city. The report contained a detailed account of the crushing defeat received several days ago near Palomas by Carranza troops under General Oruna at the hands of Villa's command.

## TO PASS THROUGH.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 25.—According to advices received here today President Wilson and his party will travel through West Virginia by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad passing through Grafton, Clarksburg and Parkersburg.

## BIDS FOR SHIPS ARE FOUND TO BE HIGH

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—When bids for four new battleships and twenty destroyers—the largest single order ever placed by the navy—were opened today it was disclosed that the government faces the soaring prices of structural materials in perfecting the navy building program. Although the department had allowed \$2,000,000 more for each battleship than it did last year and placed a limit of \$11,600,000 for hull and machinery alone the bidding ran with a close margin.

## THE GREAT QUESTION.

The great question is whether we shall have real, enduring prosperity when the abnormal demand created by the European war is over. You cannot base American prosperity upon a European war. You have got to have a basis for your prosperity in policies that will build up and conserve American industry. I stand for the protection of American industry. Millions of men now in the trenches of Europe will one day come out of the trenches and go back to work. The nations on the other side are each thoroughly organized.

Unless we adopt a policy of protection for our industries and labor I see infinite trouble ahead in blighted prospects for labor, in disappointed enterprise, in serious disturbance of industry. We must by an American policy of protection lay such a basis for American trade that our factories can be kept going and our men at work at all time and at fair wages.

—CHARLES E. HUGHES.

## CAMPAIGN

Will Practically Come to Close on Saturday before the Day of Election.

Although a few speeches will be delivered on Monday before the election, the Republican campaign in West Virginia will practically be closed on Saturday evening, November 4, with a flood of oratory in every county in the state. At least 100 speeches will be delivered in as many towns and cities.

To date only two speeches have been scheduled for Monday evening, one by Governor H. D. Hatfield and the other by Judge Ira E. Robinson, nominee for governor. The governor will speak in McDowell county and Judge Robinson at Martinsburg.

Some of the most prominent speakers who will be heard Saturday evening, November 4, and the places at which they will speak are as follows: Samuel B. Montgomery in Preston county; Congressman-at-large Howard Sutherland, nominee for United States senator, at Benwood; Governor H. D. Hatfield in McDowell county; former Governor A. B. White at Morgantown; J. G. Vaughn in Mingo county; and Arthur Dayton and J. B. Ware in Barbour county.

## EXPLOSION

Of a Bomb or Dynamite at Subway Station Does Considerable Damage.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Explosion of a bomb or dynamite at the 110th street station of the Lenox avenue subway line early today did considerable damage to that station, smashed the ticket agent's booth, injured the agent slightly, broke the electric lamps and the windows, tore out the sidewalk overhead and broke windows nearby. There was no train at the station at the moment. Traffic was suspended for half an hour as the result of the blast.

## AERIAL BATTLE

Is Fought between French and Austrians, in Which the Austrians Lose.

ROME, Oct. 25.—Squadrons of Italian and French seaplanes bombarded Austrian military works in three places on the west coast of Istria and escaped unscathed, says an official statement of the Italian war office today. An aerial battle between the French hydro-aeroplanes and Austrian seaplanes, in which one of the Austrian planes was captured and another fell into a lagoon on the Italian coast near Caorle, also is reported. The Austrian squadron has been throwing bombs on Caorle.

## STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The steamer Framford, of 2,610 tons gross has been sunk, Lloyds shipping agency announces.

## YEAR BOOK OUT.

Copies of the year book of the West Virginia Police Chiefs and Peace Officers Association have been received by local members of the organization. The book is well gotten together and is profusely illustrated. Among the photographs in the book are those of Chief of Police Harry L. Brooks, of this city, who is president of the organization, and W. W. Curs, local sanitary officer, who was formerly assistant secretary of the association.

## Former Attorney General Shows How Wilson Has Duped Railroad Men.

ADDRESSES GREAT CROWD

Adamson Bill Opens Way for Restoration of the Lobby, He Says.

"How long do you think it would have taken Theodore Roosevelt to stop them?" asked George W. Wickersham, of New York, former attorney general of the United States, of an audience that filled the circuit court room to capacity, Tuesday evening, after he had recited how President Wilson had gone to Congress with a plea for hasty legislation in behalf of the railroad brotherhoods, saying that they had refused to arbitrate, had planned a great strike and that he was unable to stop them.

Great Demonstration. The audience answered the speaker's question with one of the most remarkable demonstrations ever seen in the court house. It cheered, stamped its feet, yelled, clapped its hands and resorted to almost every means known to make a noise. When the noise died down and the demonstration appeared to be over, somebody let out a war whoop and it was the same story all over again. When, at last, the crowd had quieted, Mr. Wickersham shot this question at his hearers:

"How long do you think it would have taken Charles E. Hughes to stop them?" The crowd answered this question in the same manner as it did the first one—with wild cheers, yells, hand-clapping and shouts.

Mr. Wickersham told his hearers that in the passage of the Adamson bill "President Wilson has inflicted a great injury upon the cause of labor."

Restoration of the Lobby. "All through the years of our civilization," Mr. Wickersham declared, "it has been our aim to keep these economic questions that affect employer and employe out of the legislature. They are questions for the courts, juries and arbitration boards. When you turn these questions over to the legislature it means the restoration of the lobby with all its sinister influences and uncertain outcome." The speaker added that when the lobby is at work the labor organizations generally get the worst of it.

One of the strongest points in Mr. Wickersham's denunciation of the Adamson bill was his declaration that under its terms "a locomotive engineer or trainman who today receives a full day's pay for a four-hour run may be reduced to one half a day's pay, because he only works one-half of eight hours."

Many Stand in Aisles. Mr. Wickersham, who was in the Taft cabinet, addressed a crowd that packed the court room. Every available seat was taken and many stood in the aisles. Including State Chairman Joseph Holt Gaines, who came after the speaking started and took his stand near a window on the west side of the room. Mr. Wickersham proved himself an excellent speaker, and his address no doubt won a great many votes for the ticket. He is one of those kind of speakers, whose number is rapidly increasing, who gives the voters credit for being able to do their own thinking. He abused no one, but merely stated the facts and backed up his assertion with the figures, and in conclusion told the crowd that he left the decision to the people.

County Chairman Roy E. Parrish called the meeting to order, and Mayor G. H. Gordon, in a few well chosen words, introduced the speaker.

Mr. Wickersham opened his address by paying a tribute to Clarksburg and the state.

Conditions in 1913-14. Launching into a discussion of the issues of the campaign, he called attention to the conditions that existed in the nation in the winter of 1913-14, when the Underwood tariff law was in effect, and before the outbreak of the European war. "Operatives were thrown out of employment," he declared, "railroad sidings were crowded with empty and unused cars, and the large cities were filled with the destitute and unemployed." He told

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## FEWER SHIPS

In Active Service Now on the Western Seaboard Than for a Long Time.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Oct. 25.—For the first time in more than fifteen years, the Pacific coast will be left without a single destroyer in active service when the Paul Jones, Preble, Stewart and Whipple are placed in first reserve today. It was also said that this would be the first time in many years that there have been so few ships in active service on the western seaboard.

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